

TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

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I have some interesting new material here for you tonight which seems to throw considerable light on the Crusade for Freedom and the big-name sponsors of it, the sponsors who lend their names to add glamour and the prestige in order to collect so-called truth dollars for the support of the Radio Free Europe operation and its affiliated operations from you and the large corporations of the country. I have a letter from Mr. Arthur Page which I received recently (he's the president of the Crusade for Freedom) which in part tells about these sponsors and directors as follows:

Along the border of this stationary are listed the names of some of our distinguished fellow citizens. They are corporate members of the Crusade for Freedom. At the bottom are listed those corporate members who serve on its board of directors. With the exception of Mr. John M. Patterson, who heads the staff of the Crusade, none of us receives any compensation whatever for what we do on behalf of the Crusade. The boards of directors of the Crusade for Freedom and the Free Europe Committee take full responsibility for their operation. We give time and effort to these projects because the President of the United States and his advisers, both in the last Democratic administration and this Republican administration, have endorsed Radio Free Europe and Crusade for Freedom as vitally important projects on behalf of those who love freedom in this crazy world of tension and cold war.

Now that, you are to understand, is Mr. Arthur W. Page speaking, the president of the Crusade for Freedom. Also, here is a further official statement by the Crusade, mimeographed on Crusade stationary:

The Crusade board members maintain an active interest in Crusade matters, meet regularly and are kept fully advised of operational matters. In addition, the executive committee meets frequently to consider every phase of the Crusade's operation. Eugene Holman, chairman of the board of Standard Oil of New Jersey, is chairman of the executive committee. Other members are Gwilym Price, president and chairman of the board of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation and chairman of the board of directors of the Crusade.

Then it lists the other members of the board of directors. In short, the effort is made to convey the idea that these gentlemen, these sponsors and directors, take an active part and personal interest in the Crusade for Freedom and the Free Europe operations which it supports, and thus stand responsible for it. In fact, that's what Mr. Page says in so many words. The board of directors, he says, and the Free Europe Committee take complete responsibility for their operations. Nothing could be clearer than that.

Now let's see just how much personal interest and personal attention these directors and officers and sponsors do give to the operation. Since I began this series of broadcasts, tremendous numbers of protest letters have been written to the various organizations and corporations which I mentioned over this microphone as being corporate contributors, so to speak, to the Crusade. I have stacks of letters which the directors have written back in reply to these protests, the protestors having forwarded the replies to me for my edification.

Assuming that these directors and sponsors really do take a personal, first-hand interest in the affairs of the Crusade, it is reasonable to suppose, I think, that each one would have his own individual answer and his own approach in his answer. In each case the replies are form letters, which is entirely understandable. Each director has received a great many protests and one single answer will suffice for all. But, as between the various individual directors, each the head of his own company, the ones who pay such close and devoted personal attention to the Crusade operations and who thus are in a position to vouch for the operation, to the public at large, there would be expected to be some variation in the nature of the reply. Well, let's take a look, and just remember I'm using the direct....

Due to mechanical difficulties, the remainder of this broadcast could not be taped. The gist of it was that Mr. Lewis compared letters from the directors of Westinghouse, Standard Oil of New Jersey, and Socony of New York, and found that they were almost the same.